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July 16, 1917. Temperature 6 a.m. 77 2 p.m. 76
Humidity " 90 " 96

July 16, 1917. Temperature 6 a.m. 78-9 p.m. 83
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TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the "Telegraph.")

POLITICAL CRISIS IN GERMANY.

IMPERIAL CHANCELLOR MADE A SCAPEGOAT.

A Big Party Split Reported.

London, July 14.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam, during a sitting of the main committee of the Reichstag, a Socialist member protested against the absence of Herr von Bethmann Hollweg and Herr Heffrich.
It was explained that Herr von Bethmann Hollweg was absent unavoidably, but that he, Herr Heffrich and other Ministers were prepared to answer questions.
This was considered unsatisfactory, and the Committee adjourned.

The Crown Prince's Advent.

London, July 14.
Herr von Bethmann Hollweg's resignation confirms Reuter's forecast published on the morning of the 11th instant, in which it was suggested that the Imperial Chancellor was about to be made the scapegoat for the climb-down of the Kaiser both as regards internal reform and the question of annexations.

The advent of the Crown Prince, who has been most prominent in the discussions at Berlin, and who summoned Generals von Hindenburg and Ludendorff, seems to have settled Herr von Bethmann Hollweg's fate.

It is significant that the *Lokal-anzeiger* was suppressed after publishing a telegram quoting a Vienna statesman as advocating Herr von Bethmann Hollweg's continuance in office.

The new Chancellor is a bureaucrat, of whom little is known. He has only come into prominence during the war, when he was appointed Prussian Food Controller.

There is now a distinct cleavage in German politics. The Conservatives and National Liberals are urging the policy of annexation and indemnities, as well as the maintenance of the present forms of domestic government, both Prussian and Imperial. The Centre and the majority of the Socialists are favouring no indemnities, as well as drastic political reform.

THE RUSSIAN THRUST.

Germans Expelled After Recapturing Kalusz.

London, July 15.
Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd states that the Germans strongly counter-attacked Kalusz on the 11th instant, being supported by an armoured train and motor-cars. They re-occupied the town, but were again expelled with heavy losses, after sanguinary bayonet fighting in houses.
The Russians took few prisoners, as the Germans used explosive bullets.

Many More Prisoners Captured.

London, July 15.
A Russian official wireless message states:—We repulsed several attacks to the south-west of Kalusz, against the Dobrovodny-Novica Front. We took prisoner 18 officers and 600 men.
As a result of the series of stubborn attacks in the region of Lodziany, we drove out the Austrians from their positions and took prisoner over 1,000. We also captured a number of guns.
The enemy is attacking the Lomnica River crossing near Peskhinko and is making efforts to throw us back to the right bank of the Lomnica.

Rains are causing the Lomnica and Dniester to inundate the surrounding country.

The enemy is resisting our advance on the Shvyrk-Iahon Front. In the direction of Van, we drove back the enemy at Arish, on the Sarai River, and we dislodged the Turks in the region to the north of Serdesch and the heights to the south-west of Van.
We submerged two schooners in the Bosphorus.

The German Account.

London, July 15.
A German official wireless message states:—There has been lively fighting at Duena and Smorgon. We repulsed the Russians to the south of the Dniester, above Kalusz.

THE UNREST IN CHINA.

Critical Situation at Chengtu.

London, July 15.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Shanghai, a telegram from Mienyang states that fighting broke out at Chengtu on the 6th instant between Szechuan and Kweichow troops. Fires broke out in the city, and the situation is most critical.
Most of the foreigners at Chengtu are at present in the hill resorts.

The Peking Casualties.

London, July 15.
Reuter's correspondent at Peking states that the casualties in the fighting on the 13th instant were light compared with the numbers engaged and the expenditure of ammunition, amounting to ten soldiers killed and 30 wounded, and 20 civilians killed.
The situation is quiet.

THE GREEK PARLIAMENT.

London, July 14.
Reuter's correspondent at Athens states that Parliament meets on July 27.

TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the "Telegraph.")

BIG BATTLES IN THE WEST.

HEAVY ASSAULTS BY GERMANS.

Fierce Hand-to-Hand Fighting in Latest Attacks.

London, July 15.
A Paris communique reports fighting in Courcy, where a German attack was repulsed, and lively artillery firing at numerous points along the front.

Great Attacks by French and Germans.

London, July 15.
A French communique states:—After several hours of drumfire, the Germans last evening heavily attacked our salient to the west of Cerny.

A violent fight, characterised by alternating advances and retreats, continued all night.
Despite the employment of large effectives and the extensive use of flamethrowers, the enemy was unable to hold the trench into which he penetrated, merely occupying some of the first-line elements on a front of five hundred yards.

After a big artillery preparation, our troops last evening attacked most vigorously at two points in Champagne. We gained all our objectives to the north of Mont Haut and on the slopes of Teton, carrying with splendid dash, on a front of eight hundred metres and to a depth of three hundred, a powerfully organised system of trenches.

A succession of violent counter-attacks, after hand-to-hand fighting, failed with heavy enemy losses. All the conquered positions were maintained. We took prisoner 360 Germans, including nine officers.

Our artillery caught and heavily punished concentrated enemy relief troops.

The German Claims.

London, July 15.
A German official wireless message states:—There has been violent artillery firing along the coast and between Biesinghe and Wytshaete, near Ypres and Lens, and astride the Scarpe.
We repulsed English advances near Gavrelle, to the east of Croisilles, near Bullecourt.

We captured important positions on Chemin des Dames, to the south-east of Courcy, on a front of fifteen hundred metres, to a depth of three hundred. The enemy desperately resisted in a hand-to-hand fight. We held the objectives against three counter-attacks and took 350 prisoners.

After four days' artillery fire, the French attacked from south of Hauray to south-east of Moronvilliers, but the assault was substantially repulsed. The enemy penetrated in a few places at Eichberg and Poelberg. The fighting is proceeding.

An enemy attack on Hill 304, on the left bank of the Meuse, reached the trenches but collapsed.

Fruitful Patrol Encounters.

London, July 16.
Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—Patrol encounters have been of advantage to us south-east of Havrincourt.
We successfully raided near Bullecourt, Gavrelle and south of Armentieres.
We repulsed raiders north-east of Armentieres.

ROYAL VISIT TO FRANCE AND BELGIUM.

Their Majesties Return to England.

London, July 15.
Their Majesties the King and Queen returned last evening. They have been twelve days in France and Belgium.
King George and the Prince of Wales went to the Front, while Queen Mary, who was on her first visit to France since the war, inspected hospitals.
Their Majesties visited the King and Queen of the Belgians and were entertained to luncheon by President Poincare.

His Majesty's Confidence in Victory.

London, July 15.
The Special Order issued by His Majesty the King, on the conclusion of his fourth visit to the British Armies in the field, continues:—Your comrades, men and women at home, claim your remembrance of their untiring service in helping you to meet the enemy on terms not merely equal but daily improving. It was a great pleasure for His Majesty the Queen to accompany me and to become personally acquainted with the excellent arrangements for the care of the sick and wounded, whose welfare is ever close to her heart. The Empire's armies and workers in the Homeland during the past three years have risen superior to every trial. The splendid successes already gained, in co-operation with our gallant Allies, have advanced us well towards the completion of the task we undertook. There are doubtless fierce struggles to come and heavy strains on our endurance to be borne, but, be the road before us long or short, the spirit of pluck which has brought you so far will never fail, and, under God's guidance, the final and complete victory of our just cause is assured.

DATE OF STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE.

London, July 15.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd, the Soldiers' and Workmen's Delegates have convoked an International Socialist Conference at Stockholm for August 15.

TELEGRAMS.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE WESTERN FRONT.

Much Aerial Fighting.

London, July 14.
Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports: There was only the usual reciprocal artillery firing. Our aeroplanes successfully continued bombing operations during the night on Thursday. Yesterday all day long fighting in the air resulted in five German aeroplanes being brought down and ten others being driven down out of control. Seven of ours are missing.

Enemy Attacks Repulsed.

London, July 14.
Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports: After heavy artillery fire the enemy attacked our positions last night to the south of Lombartzyde but were repulsed. There were unsuccessful enemy raids to the east of Hargicourt, to the west of Warnefont, eastward of Oosttaverne and northward of Ypres.

A German Air Raid.

London, July 14.
A French communique states: Our batteries checked several enemy attempts south of St. Quentin. There is very great artillery activity on the left bank of the Meuse especially near Hill 304.

German aeroplanes bombed the entire region of north Nancy, two women and a child being killed.

Some German Claims.

London, July 14.
A German wireless official report states: Strong fire against our new coast positions and English night attacks near Lombartzyde broke down heavily. Artillery is lively east and south-east of Ypres sectors, at Artois and between Soissons and Rheims, on the left bank of the Meuse. We occupied portions of trenches southward of Bois Soulaing, northward of Rheims, and held them against several counter-attacks. Our fire frustrated an attempted thrust south-west of Sommeper. We downed twenty-one airmen and one balloon.

The same German wireless report says: Lively fighting continues near Dvinsk and Smorgon, also artillery on the Brzezany sector. Rain is restricting fighting southward of the Dniester.

BRITISH BATTLESHIP SUNK.

Only Two Survivors.

London, July 13.
The Admiralty announces that H.M.S. Vanguard, while anchored, blew up on the night of July 9 as the result of an internal explosion and sank immediately. There were three survivors, two men and an officer, but the latter has since died. Ninety-seven of the crew were absent from the ship at the time of the explosion. An enquiry has been ordered.
The Admiralty announces that the British transport *Armadale*, with a small number of troops on board was torpedoed and sunk in the Atlantic on June 27. Six soldiers, one passenger and four of the crew are missing.

THE PREMIER'S MESSAGE TO RUSSIA.

London, July 14.
The Press Bureau announces that Mr. Lloyd George has telegraphed to the Russian Premier: "Please accept the heartiest congratulations of the British Government at the success of the Russian offensive. It is a splendid tribute to the practical wisdom and determination of the Russian Government and people that only a few months after the Revolution by which they won freedom for themselves they should have struck so great a blow for the freedom of the world. This news, coming in the last phase of the great battle against autocratic rule, has been an immense encouragement to us all, and shows that free Russia clearly sees that there cannot be a lasting peace, no reconstruction of the world on better lines until Serbia, Belgium and other despoiled nations have been rescued from the blasting tyranny of military despotism and until the responsibility of Governments to people has been clearly established from one end of Europe to the other. I should be obliged if you would convey my congratulations to the Minister of War for the brilliant part he has played in this glorious triumph for the Russian arms."

H.M. THE KING VISITS THE FRONT.

London, July 15.
H.M. the King has issued a Special Order as follows:—
At the conclusion of my fourth visit to the British Armies in the field I leave with feelings of admiration and gratitude for their past achievements and confidence in their future efforts. I witnessed on all sides the scenes of your triumphs. The battlefields of Somme, Arras, Vimy and Messines have shown me what great results were attainable by the courage and devotion of all arms and services under efficient command and staffs; nor do I forget the valuable work done by the various departments behind the fighting line, including those directing and manning the highly developed railway systems and other communications.

GERMANY APOLOGISES TO NORWAY.

London, July 14.
Germany has apologised to Norway for the Rautenfels affair mentioned on June 24 and states that Rautenfels has been dismissed and others concerned will be punished. The explosives were not intended for use in Norway and were placed in Rautenfels' luggage without the knowledge of the German Foreign Minister.

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(Reuter's Service to the "Telegraph.")

YESTERDAY'S TELEGRAMS.

THE RUSSIAN OFFENSIVE.

London, July 14.

A wireless Russian official message states: We crossed the left bank of the Lomnica and captured the heights driving back the enemy. To the north-east of Ehlins we occupied the villages of Studzianka and Podborki. We captured four heavy guns at Kalusz and are now engaging the enemy who is protecting the crossings of the Lomnica to the south-west of Kalusz in the direction of Rozniatovskolupia and Dolina.

London, July 13.

A wireless German official message states: There is lively activity on the Dvina near Smorgon also at Schtschara to the westward of Luck. There were futile Russian attacks on several places on the Lomnica line. The Archduke Joseph and General Mackensen repulsed several advances.

London, July 14.

A wireless German official message states: Artillery fire between Soltau and Narajowka has increased.

THE WESTERN FRONT.

London, July 13.

A wireless German official message states: The artillery duel is intense in several sectors in Flanders and Artois. We repulsed thrusts to the east of Neuport, south-westward of Ypres, near Hulluch and south of the Scarpe. The artillery is intense on the left bank of the Meuse. Our storming troops recaptured the trenches on Hill 304 lost on July 8. The enemy lost nineteen aeroplanes in fighting.

London, July 14.

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports: We drove off enemy parties westward of Quent and carried out successful bombing operations against the railway stations, huts and aerodromes during the night of Wednesday. All our machines returned safely. There was unceasing aerial activity on both sides all day long on Thursday. The fighting, which has been the most severe since the commencement of the war, has resulted greatly in our favour. There have been continuous engagements between large formations consisting sometimes of thirty machines. We brought down fifteen German aeroplanes, three within our lines, and drove down sixteen out of control. Other British aeroplanes took many photographs and dropped a large number of bombs on aerodromes, dumps and railway stations with good results. None of our machines are missing.

RUMANIAN POLITICS.

Jassy, July 14.

Four Conservative Ministers in the Coalition Cabinet have resigned demanding two more Conservative seats in the Cabinet, the resignation of M. Bratianu and the appointment of M. Take Jonescu as Foreign Minister.

PANIC-STRICKEN AUSTRIANS.

London, July 14.

A telegram from Rome states that as in 1914 the population of Galicia fleeing to the interior of Austria have become panic stricken and the towns of Dolina and Stry have been abandoned.

AIR RAID WARNINGS.

London, July 14.

The Commissioner of Police notifies that in the event of enemy aircraft approaching London the Police including special constables will be sent out exhibiting placards inscribed "Police Notice. Take cover."

GERMAN POLITICAL SITUATION.

Amsterdam, July 14.

A message from Berlin states that the Crown Prince has separately conferred with the party leaders on the political situation.

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GENERAL NEWS.

Sarawak Assets.
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"Scotch" Whisky.
The Collector of Customs in his annual report on the trade of Bragal says that during the past year 1,463 gallons of "Scotch" whisky came from the United States and 155 gallons from Holland. This perhaps accounts for the negligible quantity of soda used now a days.

Japanese Schoolboy's Strike.
All the students of the Kago-shima Normal School refused to attend their classes recently and left the school. They assembled in Hiroshima Park and held a conference there. It appears that they were dissatisfied with the teacher of gymnastics, and demanded his dismissal.

Germany's Extradition Treaty.
During the Germano-Turkish Treaty debate in the Reichstag the Socialists would not support the extradition treaty, which provided that there could be no extradition for political offences, but excluded anarchist offences. All reactionary governments, he said, denounced opposition movements as anarchism.

Sumitomo Bank's New Capital.
The subscription list for the Sumitomo Bank's new shares amounting to 73,000,000 (30,000 shares) was closed on the 15th ult. More than six times the number of shares were applied for, the total being 182,779. The highest premium amounted to 15% over face value, and all applications at or over 138 premium were accepted. As to offers of 137, these were accepted in the proportion of one share to forty applied for.

The Girl-Boy.
The case of a boy being brought up as a girl came to light at Osnarvon on Whit Monday. While looking for an Army absentee supposed to be masquerading in female attire Sergeant Queen noticed a young woman who, upon being challenged, denied that "she" was a deserter, and gave the name of Dora Lewis of Brynrefail, near Llanberis. Examination by the police doctor established the fact that the person was a male, and inquiries show that the young man, who is 20 years of age, has always been treated by his grandparents as a girl.

Money Not Luggage.
A taxicab driver was summoned at the Mansion House recently for refusing to carry in his cab a "reasonable quantity of luggage." He was asked to drive a cashier from Lombard Street to the docks with £500 in silver in two bags, but refused on the ground that the luggage was above a reasonable weight. It was stated that the bags weighed 18lb. The magistrate (Alderman Sir John Knill) said in his opinion money was not luggage, and special arrangements should be made for its carriage. He dismissed the summons.

Posted As Missing.
Lieutenant George Bell Miller, formerly of the Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf Company, who left some time ago to do his bit, is posted as missing. Mr. Miller was a Second Lieutenant in the 13th Battalion Highland Light Infantry, and was attached to the 18th Division of the Royal Flying Corps. He took part in a bombing expedition recently and his machine did not return. Lieutenant Miller, who was a native of Dundee, was a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Wilson, of Shanghai, and much sympathy will be felt for them.

Cruiser Azuma at Honolulu.
The cruiser Azuma, which conveyed to San Francisco the body of Mr. Guthrie, the late American Ambassador to Tokyo, has returned to Honolulu. Welcome meetings were to be given to the captain and officers of the cruiser by the Governor of Hawaii and prominent American army and navy officers as well as by the Japanese Consul and Japanese residents. The report of the recent engagement between the Japanese destroyer Asaka and an enemy submarine in the Mediterranean produced a deep impression at Honolulu.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from the Liquidator of Messrs. Reuter Brockelmann & Co., F.A.A.B. Brockelmann, E. R. Fuhrmann, Heinrich Heyn and the Estate of E. C. L. Reuter deceased in pursuance of an order of the Hongkong Government to sell by Public Auction at 3 o'clock in the afternoon

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Hongkong, 30th May, 1917.

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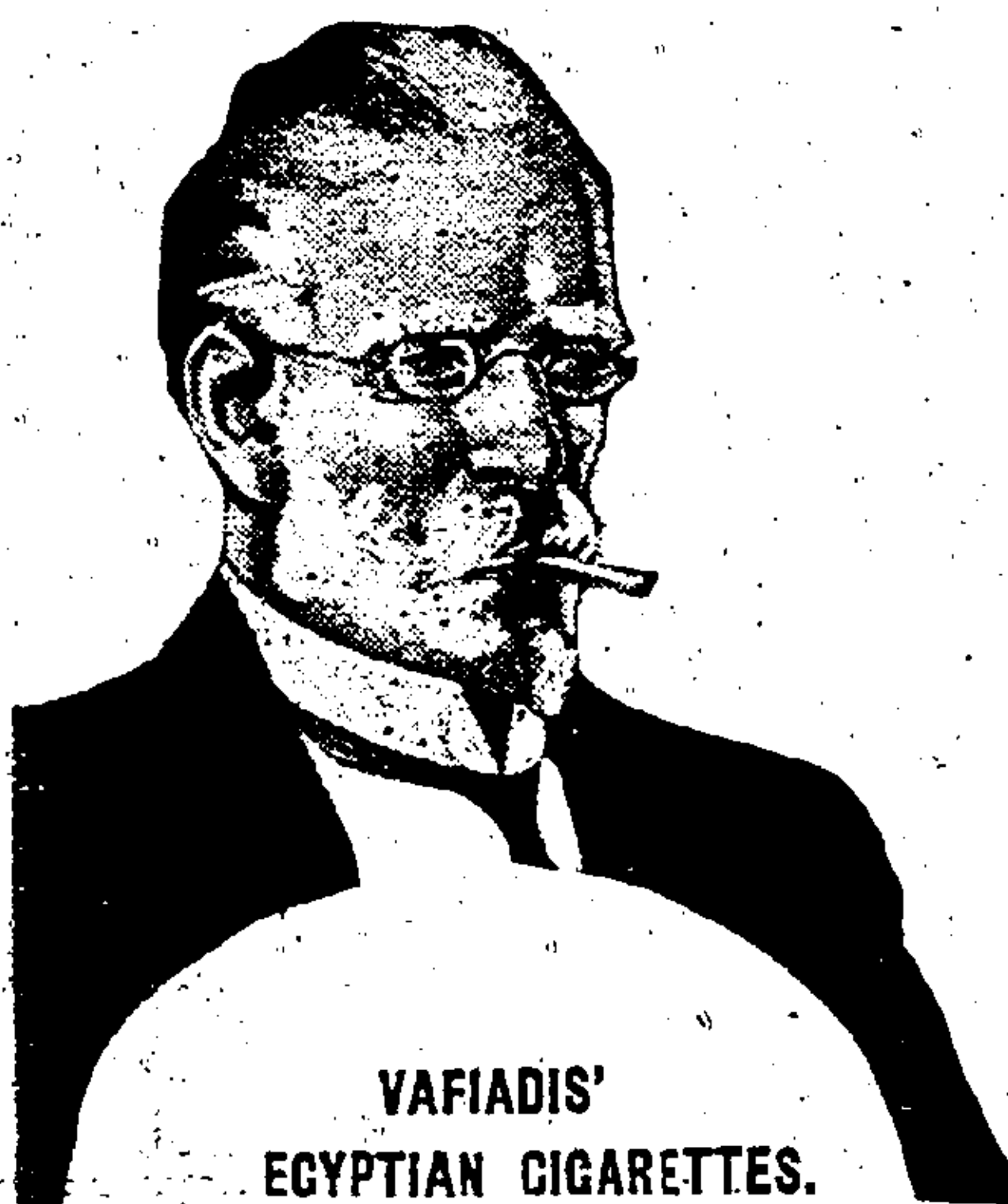
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HONGKONG, MONDAY, JULY 16, 1917.

JAPAN'S PART.

There can be no doubt that in the Far East, as in the West, a deal of misapprehension exists as to the part which Japan is playing in the war. It is no use disguising the fact that in some quarters there is a tendency to believe that our Oriental Ally is by no means doing all that she might in hastening the defeat of the Germans. It is easy, of course, to jump to conclusions, especially when, through good and adequate reasons, a veil is drawn over certain activities of the belligerents. The general public does not, and cannot, know all that Japan or any other country is doing in the war. Hence the spread of the idea that the help which we are receiving from the Japanese is not commensurate with the benefits at present received and still more likely to be attained in the days ahead. But if imagination is brushed on one side and the general co-ordination between the Allies is taken into account, it will, we think, be clear that what Japan is doing she is doing with the consent and advice of the other Allies, and we have no doubt that, if required to do more, she would be ready and willing to bear bigger burdens still.

We all know what valuable help our Japanese Allies rendered in the early days of the war, when German raiders and men-of-war were still at large—to say nothing of the siege of Tsingtau—and quite recently the fact has leaked out that Japanese naval craft is doing most useful work in the Mediterranean. But there are other directions in which Japan's assistance has been of great benefit to the Allies, and some of these have been emphasised in a recent article to the *Daily Chronicle* by the London editor of the *Ozaka Mainichi*, who says the Japanese are somewhat annoyed at the misunderstanding which exists in Europe concerning the part which their nation is playing in the war. He points out that the Japanese people as a whole are being greatly hit by the increased cost of living due to the war, while the nation is certainly no richer in view of the heavy naval and military expenditure which the war has necessitated. He shows how Japan has mobilised her industrial resources in order to supply munitions to the Allies (especially Russia), and declares that she is ready to discharge any naval or military duty which she may be called upon to carry out. Concerning the question of Japan's sending troops to Europe, he writes points out a very practical difficulty when he says that, for only one Division of men, no fewer than twenty or thirty big liners and cargo boats would be required for its transport, besides a considerable number of warships for its escort. To send ten Divisions, would use up no less than one million of tonnage in vessels, which would have to be diverted from other essential war work. In view of these facts, there is much pungency in the writer's remark that it is for the Allies to decide whether that would be a paying business at a time when there is such a dearth of tonnage as at the present.

That there are Japanese who are making huge sums of money out of the war, it would be idle to deny. But there are profiteers in every country just now. These can only be dealt with by the State, as we are happy to see they are being, both in England and in America. The writer of the article mentioned includes certain shipowners under the heading of those who are profiting by the war, and we all know how correct his assertion is. It is, indeed, in this connection that we should like to see greater use made of Japan's assistance. In the Far East, and on the Pacific run, the Japanese mercantile flag is much more in evidence now than it ever has been, and coincident with that fact we have the other—that British representation is lesser. What is needed is that the specifically war burdens, from a shipping point of view, should be more equally shared by the Allies. Surely that could be arranged. Until some better scheme of co-ordination is devised, we are afraid that complete regarding Japan's part in the war will continue to be heard.

German Deceit.

Germany continues to cut a sorry figure among the nations of the world, her latest humiliation being in the nature of an apology to Norway for an unpardonable abuse of the courtesies extended to diplomatic personages. It will be recalled that recently among the personal luggage of Baron R. von K. the Kaiser's official courier, considerable quantities of explosives were discovered, the value containing these being sealed by the German Foreign Office, which must, therefore, have been fully aware of the nature of the contents. The crime lies in the fact that such luggage is ordinarily exempt from inspection, and there can be no doubt that, with a base motive in view, Germany intended taking advantage of this circumstance. However, her little game was exposed, and now we have the blustering Hun apologising, promising to dismiss the individual used as a medium in the pretty little plot, and to punish the others concerned. In palliation, Germany says the explosives were not intended for use in Norway and that they were placed in the luggage without the knowledge of the Foreign Office. The excuse is as paltry as the offence is serious. If it is the case that the explosives were not intended for use in Norway, we may perhaps be pardoned for asking for what purpose they were secretly brought into the country. Explosives are not usually the kind of thing which officials carry about in their despatch cases. And so far as the ignorance of the German Foreign Office is concerned, we can only say that there is something radically wrong with the procedure of a great Department of State when it seals up diplomatic officials' luggage without taking care to examine its contents. Of course, the whole business is a typical piece of German intrigue, which the Foreign Office attempts to gloss over with oily words. But Norway and every other nation will see through the pettifoggery "explanation" and will assess the incident at its true and proper value.

The Fortunes of War.

We are so accustomed to reading of little else than the advances of our gallant troops that it comes somewhat of a shock when details are given of what appears to be an unmistakable set-back. Evidently the fortunes of war have not been favouring us on our recently-acquired front in Belgium. It was inevitable that the enemy would do his utmost to retrieve the heavy defeat that he was recently called upon to sustain so unexpectedly at the hands of the British. Fortune favoured him in his retaliation, for it is certain that, had not stormy weather prevailed, the work of the monitors would have put a very different aspect on the situation, and doubtless would have brought about a totally different result. While it would be as absurd to ignore the fact that on this occasion all did not go well with us as it would be to exaggerate the character of the action and its probable results, we can find much satisfaction in reading of the gallant manner in which our soldiers held out in the face of overwhelming odds and a very powerful concentration of heavy guns. The fortunes of war bring losses as well as gains, and they who are most likely to hit the hardest are most be beat at sustaining losses. The set-back that we have received in Belgium will doubtless act as a spur to further heavy blows being showered on the enemy both in Belgium and in France.

Uninvited Guests.

Mr. Charles M. Soares, of 21, Shelley Street, who appeared before Mr. Dyer Ball, at the Police Court this morning, to summon a Chinese for being found in the servants quarters of the house without permission, stated that when he got home he found several strange "boys" there. When he turned them out the defendant used bad language and was most insulting. He had had a lot of trouble in this connection. The defendant said he had called at the house to take some rice. A fine of \$5 was imposed.

DAY BY DAY.

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To-morrow's Anniversary.
To-morrow is the anniversary of the beginning of the Franco-Prussian War of 1870.

The Dollar.
The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was \$2. 7/16d. The closing rate will be found on Page 1.

Fell Down the Hold.
A Japanese officer apprentice, of a Japanese steamer at present in port, has been taken to the Government Civil Hospital, suffering from severe injuries sustained by his falling down into the hold of the ship whilst he was patting on the hatch covers.

Not the First Offence.
An Obidicer, charged before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, with stealing three pieces of clothing from 491, Shanghai Street, was found to have a previous conviction, and was in consequence sentenced to six months' hard labour and four hours' stocks.

Missing Registered Mail.
The Post Office notifies that information has been received from London that the registered portion of the mail dispatched from Hongkong, via Siberia to London forward, i.e. the United Kingdom excepting London and Ireland, on November 29, 1916, is missing.

Theft from Ricksha.
Mr. Sedgwick charged a Chinese at the Police Court this morning, before Mr. J. R. Wood, with stealing a coat and handkerchief from a ricksha. It appeared that the defendant stole the coat from the ricksha and ran away, being caught by an Indian Sergeant. Sentence of six weeks' hard labour and four hours' stocks was passed.

A Violent Crabseller.
Inspector Kent told Mr. Dyer Ball, at the Police Court this morning, when a man was charged with selling live crabs in the street, that the defendant, when arrested, gave the constable a rough time. His jacket was torn to ribbons and he laid down in the road, refusing to move. The defendant's face was marked by the gravel. He had been fined before for a similar offence. A fine of \$10, or six weeks' hard labour was inflicted.

Diver Recovers Stolen Brass.
A Chinese was charged before Mr. A. Dyer Ball, at the Magistrate's Court this morning, with stealing a quantity of brass from the Taikoo Dockyard. It was stated that when the man was arrested on the Praya he threw a box containing the brass into the harbour. A diver had to be obtained to recover it. The brass was to have been used in the building of a new Blue Fannel ship. Sentence of two months' hard labour and four hours' stocks was passed.

War Comforts.
Mrs. Capill informs us that the Kowloon Unity Workers have this week forwarded, through Messrs. Shewan, Tomes and Co., the following parcels:—To Miss Vivian, the Maurice Hotel, London, four parcels containing 98 pieces women's and men's clothing; to Mrs. Lefroy, Vice President S.S.F.A., three parcels containing 46 pieces women's and children's clothing; to Miss Tucker, Soldiers' and Sailors' Help Society, London, two parcels containing 33 pieces men's clothing.

No Case.
Before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, Mr. Leo D'Almada made an application on behalf of a Chinese named K. Wai. It appears that the man was charged some time ago, before Mr. Dyer Ball, for the unlawful possession of \$100. This case was dismissed, and subsequently the man was charged before Mr. J. R. Wood with offering a bribe to a Chinese constable. On this charge he was committed to the Criminal Sessions. Mr. D'Almada stated that he understood that the Attorney General had filed a *nolle prosequi* in connection with the case, and he asked for the return of the \$100 and also the bail of \$500 which was put up by the defendant. His Worship granted the application.

RELIEF IN BELGIUM.

Suspension of British Appeals.

The National Committee for Relief in Belgium, of which the Lord Mayor of London is Chairman, issues the following letter:—

In view of the fact that the United States Government has generously assumed all financial responsibility for the work of the Commission for Relief in Belgium, it has been decided that the National Committee for Relief in Belgium will suspend its appeals to the public in the British Empire. Any monies received after June 1st will be held to provide for emergencies now unforeseen in connection with relief in Belgium.

This course of action is in accordance with the suggestion made by Mr. Hoover, Chairman of the Relief Commission, who is now in Washington, and has the approval of His Majesty's Government and the Belgian Minister.

During the existence of the Committee, over \$2,400,000 subscribed throughout the British Empire for the relief of our oppressed Allies in Belgium, has passed through its hands. The Second Annual Meeting will be held at the Mansion House on June 15th, when opportunity will be taken to express gratitude to those committees and individuals who have co-operated with such marked devotion in the work of the national body.

HONGKONG NAVAL DOCKYARD.

Questions in Parliament Regarding Wages.

In the House of Commons recently, Mr. G. F. Böhler asked the First Lord of the Admiralty whether, owing to the increased Income Tax, the men employed in the Hongkong dockyard are in receipt of less wages than they received before the war; is he aware that the cost of living in Hongkong has increased, and that to meet this increase private shipbuilding firms in Hongkong have raised their wages 10 per cent, and increased the war bonus to 15 per cent; and what the Admiralty proposes to do in regard to an increase of wages and salaries of their employees, or give a reason why the Admiralty decline to give at least the like increases as private employers?

Dr. Macnamara:—I assume that the employees to whom my hon. and learned friend refers are certain workmen who have been sent out to Hongkong as volunteers from the Royal dockyards at home under agreement for a term of service in exchange of trades. These men are paid wages and allowances in dollars; their income is now subject to a greater reduction in the shape of income tax than formerly, and it is in this sense only that they are now in receipt of less wages than before the war. I may remind my hon. and learned friend that in this respect everybody who is in receipt of an income amounting to more than £130 a year is similarly affected.

Further, I think I should be right in stating that residents at Hongkong are not affected by increases in food prices to the same extent as persons residing in the United Kingdom. An application has been received from the men in question through the senior naval officer, and the whole circumstances bearing on the matter having been reviewed it has been decided that there is no case for the grant of a special increase in emoluments.

Reported Armed Robbery.

An armed robbery is reported as having taken place at 2, Circular Path. It is stated that three men entered the house yesterday, and producing a knife, forced the inmates into the kitchen. Here they made the mistress hand over the gold bangles she was wearing, these being valued at \$80. The men made good their escape.

WAR WORK.

City Hall Party's Effort.

During the past two weeks the City Hall Work Party packed the following:—89 pyjamas, 94 shirts, 1 night shirt, 15 surgical shirts, 152 vests, 83 bed jackets, 2 reversible jackets, 7 trousers, 45 shrouds, 72 handkerchiefs, 28 head-bandages, 4 invalid boots, 22 slippers, 388 milk covers, 2 stretchers, 25 small pillows, 2 cushions, 50 floor scrubbers, 2 flytraps, 25 pairs of socks, 8 knee caps, 18 operation stockings, 2 helmets, 36 knitted caps, 7 mufflers.

The American Ladies' Work Party have contributed nobly to this list, sending vests, bed-jackets, pyjamas, head bandages, floor scrubbers and milk covers. All the small pillows in the list were made by the Chinese Ladies' Work party, who also sent vests, bed jackets, bandages and milk covers.

The Italian Convent also sent in a good consignment.

Knee-caps and knitted caps are still asked for. A number were taken last week, but plenty more are needed.

Have all the workers noted the telegram in the papers of July 13th and 14th? It reads:—

London, July 12th.—Sir Edward Ward appeals to women to begin making comforts for the troops for the 1917-1918 winter. In Hongkong it is not a question of beginning, but of carrying on. Our boxes of warm flannel garments and knitted comforts are not likely to reach England until the autumn, and then every garment received will find a place. Whatever our prophets tell us, we must prepare for another whole winter, and as far as is possible we ask our workers to keep things going through the hot weather. Up to date the response has been magnificent and the amount of work received increases each week. No greater efforts are asked for, but let us see that the lists do not decrease. Our kind and generous shippers express themselves willing and able to cope with our boxes. There seems no prospect of shortage in wool or material; our only check lies in the climate and that must be met by personal grit.

GD. ETHEL M. STABE.

"THE CAMEOS."

New Theatrical Company to Visit Hongkong.

Hongkong is promised a theatrical treat commencing on Saturday next, when "The Cameos," a clever company of entertainers, will open a season of eight nights at the Victoria Theatre. The Company comprises nine star artists, and its members excel in burlesque and musical specialties. Its performances are said to be picturesque, artistic and delightfully humorous, and wherever the Company has appeared it has made a distinctly good reputation. The Hongkong season will open with a performance of the farcical burlesque, "Our Baby," and particulars of the other nights will be found in our advertising columns. Booking opens at Montie's to-morrow morning.

In the course of a notice of the opening performance of the Company at Singapore, the *Straits Times* said:—"All the good things Singapore has heard about the Cameos are true. This admirable little company of entertainers scored a big success in their opening performance at the Victoria Theatre last night, and the large audience which gathered to see them gave them a great reception."

The remarks heard in the interval showed that the Cameos' first night patrons had found a show after their own hearts. "Not bad" is considered fair praise in the East. "Really good" was last night's usual comment. The Cameos are nine in number, and the performance they give is not merely good in places but good all through. Each artist is deserving of the name.

The Company is being brought to Hongkong by Mr. M. S. Osawa, who is at present staying at the Hongkong Hotel.

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

Anthony Trollope, whose widow has just died at the age of 98, parted with his cob some years before he died to the headmaster of a boys' school. On that cob the present writer (says a *Daily Chronicle* correspondent), learned to ride. It was a solemn function, performed usually on Saturday afternoons in a country lane. The cob was warranted not to gallop—indeed, it was a very slow horse, and the successive schoolboy riders ran no risks of being thrown off.

Trollope has many horses in his novels, and he was accustomed to a daily ride for many years. It was said that he thought out some of his plots when on horseback, and would return home and write steadily for hours after a ride. His widow must have been gratified by the continued popularity of his novels. The curious thing about his "Baronet" series is that Trollope had no special friends among the clergy, whom he has portrayed so truthfully.

There is no salary attached to seats in the Spanish Cortes, which recently reopened to discuss the commercial treaty with Great Britain, nor any liquid comforts such as are supplied free of charge to legislators in certain other countries. King Alfonso's Government, however, provides both senators and deputies with an abundance of sweets at the taxpayers' expense, and when ladies attend the sittings of Parliament they usually receive a packet of comfits with which to relieve the tedium of debate. There is an air of formality about the Spanish Chamber of Deputies, owing to the unwritten law which compels all deputies to "wear frock-coats while attending to their Parliamentary duties. The President, too, is flanked by macebearers in medieval costume, who are relieved every hour. Private members sit on red benches, whereas the seats assigned to Ministers are upholstered in blue.

The extra tax on tobacco may perhaps suggest to some folk the desirability of substitutes. Many such substitutes have been recommended from time to time, ranging from cabbage leaves to the dried lavender which Francis Thompson experimented with, but none of them can be regarded as satisfactory. Perhaps the best tip for the smoker who desires to ration himself is to sprinkle his pipeful of tobacco with salt. The recipe has been handed down from Old Parr, one of the longest lived and most lecherous of smokers, who could make his salted pipe last a full hour.

Salt, indeed, seems to have virtues that are not commonly known. A night orderly at one of our Red Cross hospitals had among his charges a man who had been made deaf and dumb by shell shock. In the middle of the night the man developed a distressing cough, which continued for half an hour or more almost without intermission. Such palliatives as the orderly had to offer were ineffectual, and at last the patient seized paper or tablet and wrote on it the word "salt." Puzzled and doubtful, the orderly brought a salt-cellar, and from it the patient took two good pinches and swallowed them. He did not cough again.

There died recently in Philadelphia, a leading American corporation lawyer, Mr. John G. Johnson, who was said to be the despair of other members of his profession in the matter of fees. He made it a rule to charge only what he thought his services were worth. When he defended the Sugar Trust he sent in a bill for \$3,000, and everybody gasped, for he might have had \$50,000. When he had won a coal case involving millions of dollars his client offered him a cheque for \$25,000. He replied, "It won't do." They raised their figure to \$50,000. Mr. Johnson shook his head, and said, "I only spent fifteen minutes on that case. It's worth 5,000. You can pay that." Yet in the Northern Securities case, which he argued before the United States Supreme Court, his fee was \$100,000, and in the Standard Oil case it was said to be no less.

LIGHT READING.

"The Police Reserve Gazette."

The eighth issue of the organ of the Hongkong Police Reserve is to hand, and we have again pleasure in congratulating all concerned in its production on the results achieved. Like its predecessors, the current number is extremely interesting and entertaining, and, in fact, just what such a publication ought to be. Among the contents is an instructive and well-written article by "W. G. G." entitled "Crime and Criminals," being Notes on Chinese types. "The War Away from the War," by T. O. is so good that we should have been pleased had it been longer. The article entitled "The Barber's Chair" is a clever imitation of Cockney argot. As usual, "Aunt Dorothy's Writings" are well worth reading, containing as they do many topical allusions. "E. W. H.," our local Post Laureate is himself the subject of a well-constructed little set of verses in this issue. The results of last month's competition, in which Hongkong is, more or less accurately described, is given—the prize being awarded to "Inkum" for his amusing and cynical account of our splendid little island-home. P. C. Hooper's "Ode to Hongkong" is also given, and makes very good reading. Another competition that should appeal to many, is announced—particulars regarding which will be found in the *Gazette*, which is now on sale at the usual places. The articles above mentioned do not exhaust the good things of the issue, which we again heartily commend.

GERMAN CRUELTY.

Tales of Crucifixions and Worse.

Melbourne, May 25.—Major General James Gordon Legge, Chief of the Australian General Staff, who left Australia in May, 1915, to command the first Australian division at the Dardanelles and subsequently served with distinction on the Gallipoli Peninsula and in northern France, said on his recent return here from the western front:—

"I am convinced that the German resistance will be broken by June, and I hardly think that the war will last another year. The duration of the German resistance after the main line is broken can only be guessed at. Once Germany is beaten on the western front Turkey and Austria will soon cry enough and collapse like a house of cards."

General Legge said that the weather and the mud had all along been a greater obstacle than the Germans on the western front and had prolonged trench fighting.

Speaking of German warfare, he said that on the western front "on undoubted evidence" he was shown barn doors which bore marks indicating that men had been crucified upon the doors with bayonets; that he saw evidences at certain places that children's brains were wantonly dashed out.

"Personally," he added, "I feel as if I could never again have social intercourse with a German."

General Legge was the organizer of the Australian universal military training system. He went on active service in this war when General Bridges was killed at Anzac Cove. He had served in the South African war.

TYPHOON WARNING.

The telegram quoted below was received by the American Consulate General, Hongkong, from the Manila Observatory at 6 p.m. yesterday:—

Cyclone or typhoon E. of the Visayas Islands; direction unknown.

The following telegram was received at 10.30 a.m. to-day:—
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LEAGUE TENNIS.

K.C.C. v. Vanguard.

In this match on Saturday, K.C.C. "A" beat Vanguard by 62 games to 37. Scores:—Green and Chunyat beat Manley and Look 8-3; beat Grose and Lo 7-4; beat Lee and Albo 8-3.

Abraham and Stalker beat Manley and Look 6-5; beat Grose and Lo 6-5; beat Lee and Albo 6-5. Anderson and Blackburn beat Manley and Look 8-3; beat Grose and Lo 8-3; lost to Lee and Albo 5-6.

L. R. C. v. Kowloon Dockyard. At Kowloon on Saturday.

Ladies Recreation Club beat Kowloon Dockyard by 51 games to 48. Scores:—

Bevington and Jonekheer lost to Gray and Allen 5-6; lost to Crawford and Brown 5-6.

Verney and Winkler lost to Gray and Allen 5-6; lost to Macaskill and Hedley 5-6; beat Crawford and Brown 7-4.

Morse and Sooters beat Gray and Allen 7-4; lost to Macaskill and Hedley 4-7; beat Crawford and Brown 9-2.

Small Fire.

The Police report that a small fire broke out in the basement of King's Buildings on Saturday evening. It was found that a quantity of rubbish had caught fire. The Brigade arrived and extinguished the outbreak before any damage was done.

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Shipping.The Shipping Controller (Sir J. Macleay) has appointed Mr. Hector McNeal, of Messrs. Mann and McNeal, shipowners, Glas-
gow, to take over the control of the coastwise shipping. Mr. McNeal will superintend the transshipment of cargoes from large liners which reach British ports with cargoes for other destinations.Australia Keen on Shipbuilding.
Mr. Hughes, Prime Minister, states that the Federal Cabinet has discussed the possibility of shipbuilding in Australia, but the difficulty at present is the question of labour. The Cabinet is, however, calling together a conference of the Unions interested, including those of shipwrights, boilermakers, and engineers, and doubtless, added the Prime Minister, Australia, with labour's co-operation, will be successful in establishing this industry, thus solving, to some extent, the existing problem of freight shortage.Lake Steamers and the Atlantic.
As to the advisability of placing lake-built vessels in the Transatlantic trade, the committee on maritime affairs of the Boston (U.S.) Chamber of Commerce recently reported as follows at the annual meeting:—"The foundering at sea of the lake-built steamer Maryland while on a voyage from Philadelphia to London last December, with the loss of her entire crew, was a subject that called attention to the fact that certain types of vessels brought from the Great Lakes were not fitted for the Transatlantic trade. The committee was of the opinion that many of this type of vessels are structurally not strong enough to withstand the Atlantic winter storms, and that some action should be taken by the Federal Government to safeguard the lives of sailors on vessels of this character.""Pleasant Surprises" Expected.
The "Lobby" correspondent of the "Journal of Commerce" recently writes:—"There may be in the near future a pleasant surprise for those shipowners and members of the nautical profession who think more should be made by the Government of the knowledge possessed of submarine warfare by the merchant service. Mr. Lloyd George is an amazing man. History will show that he has a sublimely genius for rapidly putting his finger on the right key and an invincible insistence upon getting things first hand. I know that he has a great faith in, and an attachment to, the mercantile marine of this country. It may serve as a straw does to show the run of a current, to show that the Prime Minister is making a point of personally interviewing many experienced shipmasters who have become familiar with submarine practice. One of the most recent captains he saw belongs to a well-known Liverpool line."The Day of "Standardisation."
It looks as though standardisation in engineering will make much progress. Sir John Wolfe-Barry, the famous civil engineer, is strongly advocating the cause, and he asserts that the beneficial effects already attained by engineering standardisation are immense, and that in the year before the war there were turned out something like 2,400,000 tons of rolled sections for construction and shipbuilding at a value of about £17,500,000. It will be remembered that Mr. D. B. Morrison, managing director of Messrs. Richardson's, Westgarth and Co., made out a powerful case on this subject at the recent spring meeting of the Institution of Naval Architects. Recently there was reproduced an official revision of a standardised specification for marine engines which has been approved of, and adopted by the North-East Coast Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders.Steel or Wood.
A Reuter's telegram dated Washington, May 26 says:—"It is announced that differences between Mr. Denman chairman of the Shipping Board, and Major General Goethals, manager of the Boards of Emergency Fleet Corporation, has been settled, and the Corporation will proceed with the construction of both steel and wooden ships. General Goethals, who, in his speeches, characterized the plan to build a thousand wooden ships as hopeless, will be given a free rein in the shipbuilding programme. He has already accepted the proposals of two steel companies to turn out three million tons of steel shipping in eighteen months, and will give contracts for wooden vessels as fast as builders with facilities for building them come forward."—Journal of Commerce.

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countersignature, and to take
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alongside.

Cargo remaining undelivered
on 11th July, at 5 P.M., will
be landed at consignees' risk and
expense, and delivery must then
be taken from the Company's
Godown.

Storage charges will be assessed
on all cargo remaining un-
delivered on 16th July, at 5 P.M.
No Fire Insurance whatever
will be effected.

No Claims will be recognised
after the goods have left the
Steamer or Godown.
All chafed and damaged cargo
will be landed into the Company's
Godown, where they will be
examined on 30th July, at 10 A.M.

No Claim will be recognised if
filed after the 30th July, 1917.

T. DAIGO,

Agent.

Hongkong, 10th July, 1917.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

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having arrived, Consignees of
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the hazardous and/or extra
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kong & Kowloon Wharf & God-
own Co., Ltd., whence and/or
from the Wharves delivery may
be obtained.

Goods not cleared by 19th
instant, will be subject to rent.
All broken, chafed and dam-
aged packages are to be left in
the Godown, where they will be
examined by Messrs. Goddard
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Claims against the Steamer
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All broken, chafed and dam-
aged goods are to be left in the God-
downs where they will be ex-
amined on Saturday 14th, inst.,
at 10 a.m.

All claims must be presented
within a month of the steamer's
arrival here, after which they
cannot be recognised.

No claims will be admitted
after the goods have left the
Godowns and all goods remain-
ing undelivered after July 16th
1917, will be subject to rent.

No fire insurance whatever
will be effected.

Consignees are requested to
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TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

(Continued from Page 1.)

THE GERMAN POLITICAL CRISIS.

Bethmann Von Hollweg Resigns.

London, July 14.

The Admiralty states that a Berlin wireless message announces the resignation of Dr. Bethmann von Hollweg. He will be succeeded by Dr. Michaelis, who is now the Prussian Commissioner in the office of the Food Controller.

A City of Despair.

London, July 13.

The German Conservative press utters a cry of despair over the granting of secret universal suffrage to Prussia and considers that the situation is hopeless as several Prussian Ministers are seemingly against the reform and have consequently resigned.

The Radicals Rejoice.

London, July 14.

In Germany the Radicals rejoice at the prospect of the Prussian Reform but wonder how the legislation will pass the Prussian Diet which is filled with Conservatives and industrial magnates; and hope that the legislation will be enacted by Royal Decree or by resolution of the Reichstag.

THE MESOPOTAMIA AFFAIR.

London, July 14.

Maintenance to the opposition in various quarters in the House of Commons at the proposal to establish a mixed tribunal, the Mesopotamia affair has been practically abandoned and the whole question is left in a most confused state. The newspapers are urging the Government to make up its mind and to decide on a definite policy.

THE RUSSIAN OFFENSIVE.

London, July 14.

A Russian wireless official message states: In the neighbourhood of Kalusz we repulsed two attacks in the direction of Alceska, near Ugarskai, and an attempt to dislodge us from Kalusz. We occupied the village of Novica to the south-west of Kalusz.

THE SILVER MARKET.

London, July 14.

Silver stands at 40½ but there is no demand. There are slightly larger offerings, but the market is uncertain.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS FOR JUNE.

London, July 14.

The decrease in exports is £3,622,900 and in imports £289,338 as compared with June last year.

TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

YESTERDAY'S TELEGRAMS.

DEATH OF OLD-TIME JOCKEY.

London, July 14.

The death is announced of the old-time jockey, Tom Cannon, senior.

THE SILVER MARKET.

London, July 14.

Messrs. Montagu & Company in their silver report state that, owing to general buying, the price has reached a record since 1892. The Shanghai exchange has hardened sympathetically. Ceylon reports that planters are using the new two-rupee notes of which five lakhs were circulated early in June for payment to coolies, in preference to coin in the Indian Treasury. The holding of silver has further increased.

Reuter reports that silver closed at forty-one. The market is quiet and buyers are satisfied.

KING'S ANTARCTIC FLAG.

Sir E. Shackleton Hands It Back to His Majesty.

Sir Ernest Shackleton had an audience of the King at Buckingham Palace recently, when he handed back to his Majesty the flag which was entrusted to him to carry across the Antarctic.

This Union Jack, which his Majesty gave to Sir Ernest at the start of the expedition in 1914, was flown on the Endurance in the Weddell Sea. Afterwards it floated over the little camps on the drifting ice, where the explorer and his comrades lived for nearly six months when their ship was sunk; and, later, it was hoisted on the hut at Elephant Island, where 22 of Sir Ernest's men were marooned for five months.

It was afterwards carried by Sir Ernest to the Ross Sea when the rescue of that portion of his expedition which was left on the Ross Barrier when the Aurora broke adrift was effected.

THE WEEK-END DELUGE.

SERIOUS HOUSE COLLAPSE THIS MORNING.

Many Chinese Buried in Caine Road.

Hongkong was visited by a thunderstorm of intense violence in the early hours of Sunday. It lasted for several hours, during which terrific thunder and most vivid lightning were almost constant.

The rainfall also was exceptionally heavy. The storm was of a type which is not unusual in Hongkong when, as was the case on Saturday, a typhoon enters the coast to the north-east of the Colony. It is reported that a thunder-bolt fell somewhere in the locality of Hongkong, but there is no confirmation of the report.

The deluge of rain was most marked, as will be gathered when it is stated that, according to the Observatory records, no fewer than five inches fell between 1.30 and 4.30 a.m. Taking the period from 8 p.m. on Saturday to 10 a.m. on Sunday the total rainfall was 8.14 inches, so Mr. T. F. Claxton, the Director of the Royal Observatory, informs us. The fall for the 24 hours ending 10 a.m. to-day was 1.85, making the two days total almost exactly 10 inches.

A Terrible Collapse.

It was almost inevitable that the torrential rains of the past two or three days should be followed by landslides in the hill districts, and soon after eleven o'clock this morning a disastrous landslide took place in Caine Road, as a consequence of which the servants' quarters of Nos. 8 and 19 were demolished, fifteen or sixteen Chinese servants being entombed.

The large playground of St. Joseph's College terminates on the Caine Road side in a high retaining wall, some eighteen or twenty feet high, and it was a huge portion of this, about fifteen yards in length, which suddenly crashed down, falling upon and crushing the servants' quarters of the two houses mentioned, which were separated from the high wall by a passage way about eight feet wide. At the time of the fall, the servants of both houses were congregated in the quarters taking their morning meal, and were hurried under the falling earth, as well as the debris of the out-houses, which were crushed in by the tremendous weight as though they had been mere match-wood.

The alarm was soon sounded, and the Fire Brigade, together with a number of constables and Sanitary Department coolies, were quickly upon the scene. The Hon. Captain Superintendent of Police (Mr. C. Mol. Messer), and Station Officer Lane, of the Fire Brigade, took charge of operations, telephonic messages summoning ambulances and doctors. The more fortunate occupants of the quarters were

soon rescued, these being but slightly buried and having been protected by beams and walls which had lodged upon the other falling material, and escaped from severe crushing. Dr. McKenny, Jordan, Aubrey, Thomas and Thompson, (Tung Wah Hospital), assisted in rendering first aid, but it was found that the first four people were not seriously injured, only suffering from minor cuts and bruises and shock. These were dispatched to the Government Civil Hospital in ambulances, where their wounds were properly dressed.

It was soon found that the work of extrication was a difficult one, for care had to be taken that, in moving the fallen timbers and masonry, other people below did not suffer from a further fall of the heaped-up material. A length, one woman, who had been discovered to have been saved from death by a lodged beam, was brought out, and, in this case, too, there was an absence of serious injury, cuts on the head and feet being her chief injuries. It was just after this rescue had been made that it was discovered that another large portion of the retaining wall, with a large quantity of earth behind it, was showing signs of collapsing.

The heavy rain which had now started to fall did not improve matters, and as there was every possibility of the rescuers becoming involved in a second slide, it was deemed wiser to leave the excavation of the debris in this particular spot until the wall had been shored up. Arrangements for this to be done were started, when it was found that, farther away from the wall, was a collection of rubbish, underneath which it was thought that someone was buried. Boy hands set to work to remove this heap, and, at length, a girl, of about twelve years of age, was found to be entombed. By a fortunate circumstance, her head had been protected, though her body and legs were imprisoned. It was some time before she could be entirely freed, a beam having to be sawn through first, and a mass of brickwork carefully removed. When she was finally rescued, she was at once taken to the Hospital, her injuries, not being so serious as might have been expected.

Small pieces of earth and stone were falling away from the threatening wall, and although the Brigade and the other helpers did all in their power to locate the missing people, nothing in the way of serious work could be undertaken prior to the shoring up of the wall. This was the state of affairs at 11 p.m., when heavy rain was still falling, proving a severe handicap to those engaged upon the task. The actual number of persons buried seems to be quite obscure, but it is known that either seven or eight servants are still missing. The whole of the tragedy is being investigated by the Sanitary Department.

The houses to which the servants' quarters belong are occupied by Mr. Ho Yook and Mr. Liu, Kim-lung. The houses themselves, which stand apart from the main group of buildings, were only slightly damaged, the back verandahs being smashed in and, in some cases, particulars, the walls were cracked by the force of the concussion they received.

Later. During the tiffin hour, two more bodies were recovered, one of a woman, and the other, of a girl. The woman was dead when found, but the girl was still alive. Death took place soon after her extrication. As we are going to press, efforts are being made to rescue a woman who is buried under a shelling wall. She is apparently very slightly injured and can hold conversation with the rescue party.

DAY BY DAY.

Business Visit.

Mr. E. J. Kitching, representing the Broken Hill Associated Smelters Property, Ltd., is at present in Hongkong on business connected with the lead industry. He is staying at the Hongkong Hotel.

Land Sale.

At the P.W.D. Offices this afternoon, the sale took place of Island Lot No. 2238, situated west of Military Hospital, Bowen Road. The purchaser was Mr. Abdool Rahim, on behalf of Mr. Nemaze, at the upset price of \$9,000.

The Colony's Health.

During the past week there have been five cases of enteric fever notified in the Colony, of which one proved fatal. There were also one case each of plague, diphtheria and paratyphoid fever, that of plague ending fatally. The only non-Chinese sufferer was the paratyphoid patient, who was a Britisher.

Bathing Picnic.

On Saturday afternoon last, the Detachment Army Ordnance Corps, together with the families attached, were the guests of the Services Entertainment Fund, at a bathing picnic to Clear Water Bay. The trip, in spite of the unfavourable weather, was greatly enjoyed by all. The party returned just in time to avoid the heavy downpour of rain which followed. The Detachment Army Ordnance Corps wish to offer their thanks to the subscribers of the above fund for their kindness, and also the Hongkong Cigar Store for sending a supply of cigarettes.

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Other Subsideses.

Several small landslides have been reported, as well as other minor damage.

A public telephone wire broke in Plantation Road, the Peak, on Saturday night, and a quantity of earth and stones fell in Kellist Road, causing an obstruction.

A large hole was caused at the junction of Garden Road and Macdonnell Road, and there was also a small embankment in Kennedy Road, a wash-out in May Road and a big (tree) blown down in Bowen Road.

It is also reported from the Peak that small landslides took place in Findlay Road, Barker Road and Shingai Road.

CANTON NEWS.

Prospects of Trouble.

Our Canton correspondent writes under date of July 15 as follows:—

The position here, although seemingly quiet, is in reality rather serious. Disorderly behaviour by the Yunnan troops and conflicts between them and the Kwangai troops (the Tukwan's soldiers) and also with the police, occur every day, but the vernacular papers are prohibited from referring to the facts. On the contrary, they are required to state that harmony exists between the two armies and that discipline is observed by the Yunnan soldiers. They are given to understand that if they do not comply with this order they will be treated in the same way as Li Wai-chuen, the editor of the *Nam Yuet Po*, who was pulled out from his office and shot in the street by soldiers.

A few days ago, about 7,000 Yunnan troops began to cross the river from Fung Chuen to Shaki-chang. The Provincial Authority ordered them to stay where they were, but this order was defied and the troops crossed the river and encamped on important positions in Shaki-chang. The arsenal there is now practically in their hands.

The wall-to-do residents and bankers in the City are daily removing their valuable possessions to safe places, such as Shameen, Hongkong and Macao.

Chung Kai-ye, the Defence Commissioner of Chuihwan (also Commander-in-chief of Yunnan troops) is said to have refused to obey orders from the Tukwan and the Civil Governor. He is dismissing and appointing magistrates and officials just as he thinks fit.

It is reported that Li Lieh-kwan intends to force the Tukwan to resign. The development will take on an interesting appearance as soon as Sun Yat-sen arrives.

Li Lieh-kwan and a few of his staff officers went to Macao on Saturday. The object of the visit is not known.

The Tukwan and the Civil Governor have received a telegram from the Defence Commissioner of Chuihwan stating that Sun Yat-sen left by the gunboat Hsinin for Canton at 3 a.m. on the 14th inst.

An important notice has been issued by the Civil Governor advising the people not to believe wild rumours and saying that he and the Tukwan will keep order in the province.

The Provincial Authority intends to give the fan-tan monopoly to any syndicate that can produce half a million dollars in advance revenue, so that the Yunnan troops may be paid off. It is reported that the fan-tan monopoly at Macao will get the enterprise.

Off To The Front.

Mr. N. Baskie, who has been with the firm of Messrs. Samuel, Samuel and Co. for several years, left Yokohama on June 29 for America, en route to England, to offer his services to the country.

A NEWSPAPER "HINT."

Charge Against the "Sunday Pictorial."

At the Mansion House recently, before Alderman Sir William Treloar, *Sunday Pictorial* Newspapers (Limited) and Mr. Frederick Raymond Sanderson, the editor of the *Sunday Pictorial*, were summoned at the instance of the Director of Public Prosecutions for having on March 25, without lawful authority, published in the *Sunday Pictorial* information in respect of the movements of some of the forces of his Majesty and the plans or supposed plans of military operation of such forces, the information being calculated to be useful to the enemy. They pleaded "Not Guilty."

Mr. Muir appeared for the Director of Public Prosecutions; Mr. O. F. Gill, K.C., and Sir Archibald Bodding for the defence, instructed by Messrs. Budd, Johnsons, and Jocks.

Mr. Muir said the charge arose out of the publication in the *Sunday Pictorial* of March 25 of the following paragraph under the heading "An Eye on the North":—

"And just by way of a hint, I had a very strong tip from one of the well-informed ones yesterday to watch closely the happenings in front of the British lines north from Arras."

That was published 15 days before the great attack on the Vimy Ridge, which was to the north of and close to Arras. The paragraph was brought to the attention of Brigadier-General Cockrell, of the Intelligence Department of the War Office, on April 2 by the Headquarters Staff at the front. The meaning of the paragraph was that "the well-informed one" knew of the intended advance of the British forces, and he was imprudent and unpatriotic enough, either out of vanity or for purposes of gain, to disclose it in a manner which could not help being useful to the enemy.

Brigadier-General George Kynaston Cockrell, C.B., D.S.O., Director of Military Intelligence at the War Office, said the paragraph was brought to his attention by the authorities of Sir Douglas Haig's Staff. The first knowledge of the intended movements of the British forces before April 2 came to him through one paragraph in the *Sunday Pictorial*.

Mr. Gill, K.C., for the defence, said the very last thing in the minds of the defendants was to do anything to which accusation could be taken by the authorities. The *Sunday Pictorial* had never been called in question before, and no exception had ever been taken to anything it had written or done. It had rendered many patriotic services and been thanked by the Government. The paragraph might have meant a further retreat of the Germans north of Arras.

Sir William Treloar said he found the charge proved, but having regard to what he considered the trivial nature of the offence, he deemed it inexpedient to inflict any punishment, and therefore under the provisions of the Contempt of Court Act, 1907, he recommended that the defendants should be fined.

TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph.")

YESTERDAY'S TELEGRAMS.

THE BATTLE IN BELGIUM.

London, July 14.
Reuter's correspondent at British Headquarters graphically gives stories of the German attack on our new front in Belgium on July 10, to which, he incidentally remarks, home military critics manifestly attach an exaggerated importance. The scene of the fighting is a tumbled looking stretch of sand, sparsely covered with brownish grass. In some places the sand rises in little bluffs from a ribbed foreshore, others shelves gently to the surf. The greatest height of ground the enemy occupied is sixty feet above the sea level. There are numerous gullies and holes which afford good hiding, but indifferent natural shelter from gunfire. Owing to the loose character of the sand, the position is impossible for conversion into one strong defence, although the French during their long tenure of the sector made the best of it in the circumstances.

The enemy artillery swelled in an ominous uproar early on July 10, directed against six hundred yards of front-line trenches, parallel with the Eastern Yser. After an hour, guns were directed on the support trenches, an hour later the crumbling ground west of the river, and then shortened to the first range. The enemy repeated the methodical bombardment, largely assisted by great aerial activity. Our guns were meanwhile thundering in reply. During the morning, the German shells destroyed bridges across the Yser between the sea and Nieuport Lock, destroying the possibility of reinforcing the front line.

By three in the afternoon the bombardment was intensified to a whirlwind, which was maintained for three hours. The battalion quarters of the King's Royal Rifles became untenable and the staff moved to a tunnel nearer the sea. All the breastworks towards Lombartzyde were levelled and the trenches were being rapidly wiped out. It was evident that the Germans meant an infantry attack and the officers disposed their men to receive the assault. The Germans were seen massing at six in the evening. A wounded sergeant of the Northampton volunteered to swim the Yser as the only practicable way of reaching and warning the troops on the right of what was being prepared. When across, he saw three heavy waves of German marine infantry advancing. The sergeant reached his objective and delivered his message, in consequence of which a bomb stop was hastily thrown up and machine guns placed in position, and the attack was prevented from deploying beyond this point.

The Germans advanced concentrically along the seashore. Our ranks were now so thinned that the defence consisted of a small detached handful of men. They put up a magnificent fight against overwhelming odds, particularly the King's Royal Rifles and Northampton. A party of bombers and another of flame-throwers attacked a tunnel in which were the Headquarters of the Royal Rifles, sheltering from the bombardment. The last seen here was a party of five officers standing back to back. Men were pressed back to the river bank. They plunged in and swam across. One soldier amid a hail of bullets swam across and fetched a rope. He secured the end and then re-swam the distance, establishing a means whereby many who were unable to swim escaped. The Germans made a position for their machine guns around the former right of our positions and swept the ground.

Other instances of the glorious spirit of our men are told. The fight concluded at seven o'clock. The enemy did not consider it safe fully to take advantage of the success they had won. They limited themselves to try and consolidate our old support trench, some hundreds of yards east of the Yser bank—"their existence has not been a happy one since."

London, July 14.

A Belgian communique states that the enemy has violently bombarded the region of Steenstraete, and heavily shelled our communications.

London, July 14.

A French communique states:—There is fairly heavy artillery fighting south-east of St. Quentin, and south of Filaiz, particularly near Laryere.

Both artillery forces are active in Argonne and on both banks of the Meuse.

Sixteen-hundred shells were thrown at Basme between July 8 and 10.

Ten enemy aeroplanes were brought down on our front; moreover, eight fell in their own lines badly damaged.

GERMAN COAL STRIKES.

London, July 14.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Zurich, in the Reichstag, Herr Helfferich disclosed the fact that one of the principal causes of the coal crisis was due to the miners' strikes.

ANOTHER GERMAN PEACE MOVE.

London, July 14.

The opinion is growing in Holland that the German Government itself is supporting the democratic agitation with a view to obtaining peace.

MESOPOTAMIAN DEBATE.

London, July 14.

In the House of Commons, the Mesopotamia Debate was resumed. Mr. Asquith questioned the desirability of appointing a tribunal, being of the opinion that the House of Commons alone was able to say whether statesmen and soldiers deserved censure. He expressed profound regret at the resignation of Mr. Chamberlain, which he considered was not called for, and strongly denounced the manner in which the report had been travestied, perverted and exploited, as one of the most disgraceful in history and a degradation to the Press. The Prime Minister stated that the administration of the Mesopotamia campaign at present was everything that was desirable. The guilty persons must be severely punished, but fair and impartial investigations of the facts were the first essential.

The subject dropped and no vote was taken.

London, July 14.

Mr. Lloyd George, in a passionate peroration during the Mesopotamia debate, dwelt on the waste of time in discussing "this miserable business." He concluded by saying "For God's sake, let us get on with the war."

ENEMY INTRIGUE IN AMERICA.

London, July 14.

According to Reuter's correspondent at New York, the Government has decided to intern German and pro-German members of the International Workers' World Organisation, who have been the instigation of the labour troubles in the Western States ever since war was declared.

TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph.")

KING ALFONSO ON SPAIN'S ATTITUDE.

London, July 14.

King Alfonso, interviewed by a Daily Express correspondent, emphasised that Spain must be neutral to the end, unless attacked. He said Spain's relations with Britain and France were excellent, adding "We are able to supply them with necessary material." If England could send us coal and the United States cotton, everything would be perfect. Some Spaniards admired the pre-war reputation of the German Army, but the pro-Germans were in no wise anti-Allies. He hoped that Britain next year would import oranges and relieve the distress of the Valencia growers.

Referring to the crisis, King Alfonso said that Spain was suffering from financial indigestion. Some Spaniards were most prosperous as a result of the war, while others had suffered severely. This resulted in industrial unrest. The situation was complicated by the patriotic movement in the Army, which wants to see the money which Parliament voted for the Army utilised in the best possible manner.

The Army, said His Majesty, also demanded to be modernised, but it was untrue, that its discipline and loyalty were impaired. Another complication was Catalonia's demand for a sort of Home Rule. The Government were prepared to discuss Catalan demands when legally made and also to satisfy the justified demands of other parts of Spain, but the crisis cannot be settled before the end of the war. He believed that the war would long continue, but it was impossible for him to offer mediation after the declaration of Mr. Lloyd George and M. Ribot. He was of opinion that the cause of the war was an immense upheaval in all countries, and that in future Governments must lean towards a Socialist character, similar to the British state of Socialism. He regretted that reformers in Spain who were formerly pro-Mo archist now sided with the Republicans, saying he belonged to a past age, but he asked if there was a more modern King than himself. He looked to the future with confidence.

THE COTTON CRISIS.

London, July 14.

After two hours conference with Sir Albert Stanley the Cotton Control Board issued the following notice:—"The Cotton Control Board, after carefully considering the position in consultation with Sir Albert Stanley regarding the actual supplies of cotton in the country, and the prospective supplies, has decided not to recommend any immediate curtailment in production. Should it become necessary to reduce the consumption of cotton at some future time, adequate notice will be given to afford ample opportunity for making the necessary adjustment. In the meantime, the policy as regards the issue of licences, is unaltered. Licences will be granted (for purchase of not more than one week's supply at a time) only to spinners who have less than two months supply in stock."

THE RHODESIAN OPERATIONS.

London, July 14.

A dispatch from the High Commissioner of South Africa has been published in the Gazette, covering the Rhodesian operations since August, 1914. It tells for the first time stirring enterprise of courage and bull-dog pertinacity, and of how the German Command at Lake Tanganyika was overthrown. A scheme was approved in April, 1915, for sending from England to Capetown, and thence by rail and road to the Lake, two motor boats designed to outclass the enemy ships. The motor boats were named Mimi and Tontou. They arrived at Capetown under the command of Commander G. Simson in June, 1915, and were launched on the Lake on December 23. The Germans were probably acquainted with the scheme, but dismissed it as hair-brained. The journey up country included fifty-one miles of halage on atrocious roads, at altitudes ranging from two thousand to six thousand feet, and thence by rail tracks to Lusitana River, where they were fitted through shoals abounding with rocks.

The expedition was hampered by tropical heat, dust and shortage of water. Washing and even drinking water was voluntarily given up for the use of the traction engines. All competent judges veiled the journey as sheer madness but nevertheless it succeeded. The third day after the launching of the boats on Lake Tanganyika the German gunboat Kingani of 40 tons was attacked and surrendered whereupon it was repaired and renamed Fifi. The second German fought with the Fifi and the Mimi on February 9 for three hours in a running fight and by skilful British manoeuvring and many hits was sunk. The third German was thereupon scuttled by its crew after being bombed by a Belgian aeroplane, thus ending German supremacy on the Lake which had been established for many years.

The dispatch draws attention to Rhodesia's remarkable achievement with territory of 450,000 square miles and 1,800,000 natives and barely 30,000 Europeans in securing the borders against attack within nine months of the outbreak of war, in addition to furnishing overseas regiments. Thus by the middle of 1916 forty per cent. of the male white population were on active service.

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